

**Council: Tuesday 20 April**

**Motion 3.2: In the name of Councillor Robert Rams – E books**

**Amendment in the name of Councillor Anne Hutton**

Delete all and replace with:

"Council notes that Barnet is one of the first local authorities to introduce an eBook service, allowing residents to directly access nearly 1,000 titles from their own computer.

Council believes that fairness should be at the heart of delivering our library service, and all other services in Barnet, including ensuring equal access to decent services.

Council notes that this Conservative administration's record includes depriving a community of their local library by closing Totteridge library, introducing a two-tier library service where only a handful of libraries are developed leaving the rest to wither on the vine, drastically reducing library opening hours, and freezing the library media fund year-on-year.

Council does not agree that this demonstrates fairness or ensures equal access.

Council therefore asks Cabinet to review the Libraries Strategy to ensure that all communities have equal access to decent library services, including keeping libraries open at lunchtime."

Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.